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The Timber Times
April 11th, 2024

School News

Mission Offering

The grand total for Teen and Kid Closet offerings ended up at \$302.80! Not quite at our goal, but we pray that any amount will be a blessing to all those who work for this wonderful organization, as well as those who frequent this establishment

We will update you on the location of fourth quarter offerings soon!

Early Release

Today school lets out at noon for the teachers to continue their curriculum study!

Call Updates

Miss Taasaas will be staying in Spokane as she returned her call to Milwaukee, WI! Praise the Lord! We continue to pray for Mr. Zabel, who is deliberating the call to serve here at St. Matthew as the 7th-8th grade teacher.

Softball/Track & Field

The track meet location has been changed for both meets to Westwood Middle School. Everything should be accurate now on the google calendar. There is also a schedule on the sports bulletin board by Miss T's classroom. Please continue to communicate with Miss Rosenbaum if you have any questions.

April Timber Talk

Another group of 5-6 graders put together a video with April updates in technology class. Check out the video with this link: [April Timber Talk 2024](#)



Junior Choir

Our next rehearsal is on Monday, April 29th from 3:45-4:30.

Read 2 Ride

Don't forget: reading logs are due on April 19th. Please turn those 10 hours of reading in before then to receive your child's free ticket to Silverwood! Another important note, please make sure that your email is easily readable — I send them via email so there's no chance of losing paper copies :) tickets can be resent until the middle of June if they somehow get lost, but after that there is no way for me to give you a new one, so please please please keep track of those tickets!

WA529 Art Contest

Miss Taasaas received information regarding a statewide art contest! Anyone in grades K-12 are encouraged to submit an art project based off the question, "What's Your Dream Job?" More details on page 5 or [view here](#). **Deadline for entry is May 1st, and parents are responsible for submission.**

Talent Show/Skit Night!!!

May 29th we are hosting a talent show for the students! Showcase your hidden (or not-so-hidden) talents for the school to see! This is sure to be tons of fun! A sheet is going home with your student today, so please look it over with your child and encourage them to sign up if they would like. All details are on the sheet, but if you have other questions, please speak with your child's teacher. All acts need to be submitted by April 26th for review.

Parent Conversations

The [parent conversation](#) this week focuses on keeping teens and young adults active in their church life. Even if you don't yet have teens, I would encourage you to keep this in your

Upcoming Dates

April

- 11 Early Release — NOON — Curriculum Study (NO PM4)
- 16 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 16 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 18 Softball Game @ LCA 4PM
- 18 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 21 Evergreen High School Choir Concert 3PM
- 23 Softball Game @ Christian Heritage 4:15PM
- 23 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park
- 24 Track Meet @ Westwood MS 5PM
- 25 Softball Game vs Lake City 3:30PM
- 28 Grades 3-8 Sing 10AM
- 4/29-5/3 MAP Testing
- 29 Jr. Choir Practice 3:45-5:00PM
- 30 Softball Practice 3:45-5:00PM — Linwood Park
- 30 Track & Field Practice 4-5PM — Sky Prairie Park

back pocket, as this stage is coming faster than we think!



Baby Update!!

Our violin teacher, Miss Marianne had her baby recently! Baby Linden James von Bracht — welcome to the world little one! And congratulations to the von Bracht family!



Classroom News

Preschool News

Mrs. Donna Driesbach (509.638.5361)

Jesus Christ is Risen!! He is Risen Indeed!! Hallelujah!!

Welcome back to preschool!! Our focus this week is on Jesus' resurrection. Before Spring Break, each class was able to build their own Resurrection Garden. We gathered treasures from our backyard to decorate the Garden, we laid Jesus in the tomb, and of course, we placed a rock at the opening of the tomb, so no one could get in and no one could get out. We came back to school after Easter and we now can see just what happened after 3 days of Jesus being in the tomb!! Our Resurrection Gardens have been transformed!! The grass has grown, the stone is rolled away and the tomb is empty - "He is not here!! He is alive!!" What a beautiful Resurrection Garden we now have!! What an amazing visual for the children to see and understand!!

This week, all of the classes were able to create an Empty Tomb project. Every child was able to "roll" the stone away from the tomb and say, "Where is Jesus? He is not here!! He is alive!" What beautiful words for our children to always remember!! Some of the classes were able to marble paint crosses this week, which will be hanging in our classroom so very soon. "Jesus Has Risen!" will be on each and every cross!!

On top of all of these activities and crafts, we also are focusing on Community Workers. We are learning about Community Workers' jobs and how they affect our day to day activities. Our Drama Center now has our dress-up clothes and our Art Center has a police car that the children can watercolor.

May 9 and 10 are the dates for our upcoming musical, "E-I-E-I Oops!" We have been working extremely hard on our songs. Your child has picked their animal for this musical. A note has come home regarding costume suggestions for your child. I have a few headbands available for your child's costume – first come, first served.

Next week our letter of the week is "Ww". Four year old classes, please bring something to school for show'n'tell that begins with "Ww".

Our bible verse we will be learning in class is I Thessalonians 4:14 "Jesus died and rose again."

Have an amazing weekend with your family!! Please stay safe and healthy!!

Kindergarten News

Miss Rachel Taasaas (360.271.5201)

Reading logs- Our book it calendars are done with for the year. Thank you for making that a priority with your child. Please make sure you are still reading with your child a minimum of 20 minutes a day. Before Spring Break a reading log for Silverwood was sent home if you want to participate in that please make sure it is brought back to school no later than April 19.

Spring Play- We have been practicing the play with the preschoolers and first graders. The kids are doing a great job! A note will go home in your child's yellow folder tomorrow with costume suggestions.

Life skill- A sign up is on our classroom door for dates I need help sewing with the kids. Please check the schedule and see if any of these time slots are available for you. Even if you can only help one of the days I would really appreciate it!. If you have family in town (aunts/uncles/grandmas/grandpas etc that are able to help please let me know so they can fill out a background check.

Literature Bags- These are being sent home today. Please check through them to make sure all of the books are accounted for.

1st Grade News

Mrs. Kelly West (509.362.4916)

Hi First Grade Families!

I hope you had a wonderful spring break! Now we have less than 8 weeks left of school!

In ChristLight we are learning about Jesus' resurrection from the dead and appearing to his disciples. In Reading we are learning about the oo sound, as in good and look. In Math we are finishing up with money and moving onto telling time. We also practice our basic addition and subtraction facts every day. In Writing we are identifying different sentences, such as telling, asking, or exclamatory. In Social Studies we are learning about landforms and weather, and in Science we are learning about the sun and moon.

We are also practicing for our play a couple of times per week. Tomorrow (Friday) I will send home costume ideas in your child's home folder.

Our Memory Work for next week Tuesday is The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. And for next Thursday is "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25. Jesus is the one speaking these words.

We are starting to have Memory Work two days per week because in 2nd Grade they will have it two days a week. God's blessings to you and your family! I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

2nd Grade News

Miss Erika Rosenbaum (269.326.5437)

Christlight/ Memory Work

- 4/16 - Matthew 22:37

- 4/18 - Job 19:25a
- Please read the Bible stories from this week (Jesus' Friends Learn That He is Risen; Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene; Two Disciples See Jesus)

Homework

- Read 20 minutes a day.
- Continue to work through the xtra math program.
- Spelling: next week we will be working on closed syllables. A closed syllable has a short vowel followed by at least one consonant.

Extra Notes

- Writing: we started the next unit on persuasive writing.
- Math: a group is continuing their work on fractions while the other group is working on double/triple digit multiplication.
- Social Studies: we are still working on learning about specific holidays. This week we talked about Mother's Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July and Cinco de Mayo.
- Science: we are talking about some of the planets. This week we talked about Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
- We have our field trip next week Wednesday April 17. We had so many parent volunteers (which is awesome) that it is possible you might just be driving your own child. A separate half sheet will be sent home next week about what time to arrive and who will be in your car.
- Report cards came out on Monday. Please take a look at it and return the envelope signed. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out! Let's finish the year strong.
- We could use a few more baby wipes and tissues. If you are able to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

3rd Grade News

Miss Avery Broyles (208.995.3465)

Memory Work a week ahead

- 4/16 - 2 Timothy 3:15
- 4/18 - John 5:39
- 4/19 - The 3rd Commandment
- It is really important your child is practicing memory work at home, so they can recite it on the due date. If they don't say on the due date, they will be staying in from recess until they can recite it.
- Please read the Bible stories from this week with your child (Easter Morning at the Tomb & Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene)

Homework

- Work on spelling words for the week
- Continue to work on xtramath

Extra Notes

- In writing we are learning about the different types of poetry. The students got to taste popcorn and write a poem about it using their senses. They also got to write their own acrostic poem using adjectives pertaining to their topic.
- In science we have been focusing on forces and interactions. We have been looking at different objects that can be attracted to each other with magnetic fields.
- In social studies we are finishing up our states and capitals unit. By next week, your child will have learned all 50 states and their capitals! The final test will be on Monday 4/15.
- New spelling lists have been sent home in your child's folder.
- 3rd-8th is singing on April 28th, please plan to attend.

Have a great weekend!

4th Grade News

Mrs. Michelle Most (832.212.9102)

Word of God - Jesus' resurrection assures us of our resurrection is the theme of our lessons this week. In response to what our Savior has done for us we ought to worship our risen Savior in thanks and praise and are comforted to know that our Savior has risen and we will have eternal life.

Reading - What book about a mouse did you guess? If it was The Tale of Despereaux you are correct! Despereaux is a different sort of mouse indeed! He was born with his eyes open, big ears, and loves looking at light and listening to music.

Science - Please send empty toilet paper rolls along with your child by Monday. We will be working on our race cars that will show the transfer of energy from one form to another.

Social Studies- We are still working on our Washington State books, but we have also begun learning about our National Parks. Did you know that every fourth grader gets a free pass for our National Parks? Here is the link: [Every kid Outdoors](#). Eventually each student will choose one national park to research for our informational writing and present their findings to the whole school and you! We will be taking on the roles of junior park rangers this year. I will be sending more information home once we get started.

EXTRA NOTES:

Our field trip to the Spokane House is this Monday! I am keeping an eye on the weather, but to be on the safe side, be sure to pack a lunch so that nothing needs to be heated up. I am praying for nice weather so we can eat outside while we are there

and have a nice picnic. Chaperones, please feel free to bring lunch along to join us.

Save the date - We will be going on a field trip to the Spokane House on Monday, April 15 from about 9:30-noon or 1 depending on the weather so we could eat lunch there also. Thank you for returning all the field trip forms! It helps so much and we have plenty of chaperones, so thank you!

Spokane Symphony at the Fox Theater - We are working hard at learning our recorders for the special Link-up concert on May 22. This evening I will be going to a special professional development to learn more information about this program. I can't wait to share what I have learned.

5th-6th Grade News

Mr. Glenn Metzger (734.788.4637)

Welcome to the fourth quarter! I hope all the families had a nice break and you were able to get all the adventure or relaxation or whatever it was you were looking for. It's my favorite break of the year because of all the wonderful opportunities to worship and reflect on Christ's love for us.

In the classroom, we are rolling along with our curriculum and doing a pretty good job of staying on track. In religion classes, we are studying the events around Jesus' resurrection as well as the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer. In math, the 5th grade is coming to the end of their unit on dividing decimals and will have a test on Monday. Meanwhile, the 6th grade class is continuing their study of ratios and proportions, especially practicing writing and using proportions from word problems. In science class, we continue our study of energy transformations, this week with a focus on drawing effective diagrams. In social studies, we have reached the years leading up to the American Revolution. After studying this chapter, we will have an investigation into the virtues of the revolution, followed by a structured academic controversy, and our final essay of the year. This will be the last major writing project, but it won't come up for a few weeks yet. Finally, as we build the background knowledge for that essay, we are finishing up the parts of speech we haven't studied yet in English: prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections.

So far, our substitution of XtraMath for Spelling (hooray we finished the curriculum!) has yielded good results, with students getting their highest cumulative class scores of the year. They earned two prizes right before break, the first being a game day in class which we are doing today, and the second to-be-determined based on what I can finagle. I will continue raising the goal and we will see how much we are able to accomplish before the end of the year.

7th-8th Grade News

Mr. Jacob Biebert (715.402.0094)

I hope you had an enjoyable Easter celebration as well as a restful spring break. It sounds weird, but we are now ready to make the final push towards the end of the year. I can't believe it is the 4th quarter already.

Next week's memory work is:

Monday 4/15: Job 19:25-27, Matthew 28:19,20, John 14:19; Wednesday 4/17: The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed; Thursday 4/18: Our song for Sunday April 28th "Christ Is With Me"; Friday 4/19: Acts 4:12, Romans 8:34, Philippians 3:21

We have transitioned back to Washington State History and have spent the week looking at the transcontinental railroad and its effects on not only Washington, but the United States as a whole. As we are studying major impacts on the growth of Washington state, you have to identify the transcontinental railroad as having a major impact on the growth of our state's economy. Next week we will be looking at all of the opportunities that brought immigration to the PNW. This led to the growth of numerous cities as a result.

We are wrapping up our chapter in science on taking care of the amazing bodies that God has given us. Especially in our last couple of lessons as we have looked at all of the negative effects that drug use can have on these amazing bodies that God has given us, the Bible verse comes to mind: "I have the right to do anything,' you say—but not everything is beneficial. 'I have the right to do anything'—but not everything is constructive." As Christians we have lots of freedoms as to what we put into our bodies, and as to how we treat our bodies. However, just because we have this freedom doesn't mean we should be acting on it. Our bodies are a temple of the Holy Spirit to be taking care of.

With our last quarter underway, if any of you want to set up a meeting to discuss the 3rd quarter or improvements for your children moving forward, I would be happy to meet with any of you that would like.

God's blessings on your weekends. It looks like the weather is going to be wonderful!

WA529 3rd Annual

“What is your dream job?”

ART CONTEST



Enter April 1 - May 1, 2024*



How does your child imagine their future?
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HOW TO ENTER:

1. Go to 529.wa.gov/art-contest or scan the QR Code below.
2. Read important details, entry requirements, and Official Rules.
3. Students independently create art showing their dream job.
4. Parents check that art meets entry requirements and confirm that **WA529** or **Washington College Savings Plans** is visible on art.
5. Parents complete online entry & submit art

*Contest opens April 1, 2024. All entries must be received by 11:59 pm on May 1, 2024.



DREAM. CREATE. WIN.



Jesus' Resurrection Brings Peace

The disciples were in hiding. Their teacher had been arrested and executed, and they had acted shamefully. They abandoned Jesus when they should have helped him. Now, he was dead, and they couldn't apologize or make it up to him. The guilt they felt must have been astronomical.

Worse than that, though, was the fact that the people who killed Jesus were probably going to arrest and kill them, too. So they locked themselves in a room and waited for the inevitable.

They were not, however, visited by the vindictive Jewish leaders. Instead, they were visited by Jesus. He who had been crucified, dead, and buried was now very much alive and standing among them. He entered without using the door. The surprise they felt must have been astronomical.

Do you think they were also afraid when they saw him? After all, they had wronged Jesus when they abandoned him. Now, he was standing right in front of them. The locked doors had not stopped Jesus from getting to them. Neither had death. Would Jesus hold a grudge?

No! His first words to them were, "Peace be with you." He didn't punish them or coax an apology out of them. He gave them peace. It was more than freedom from enemies who wanted to kill them. It was the peace that comes from knowing everything was right between them and God.

The risen Savior gives that same peace to you. What does it take to get peace? Peace with God comes at a cost, but Christ has paid it for you.

Sin makes everything wrong between you and God, but Jesus paid the price for your sin. You can be certain because after Jesus paid that price, he rose from the dead with a message of peace on

his lips.

So, what guilt burdens your conscience? What sins keep you up at night? Know that Jesus' resurrection brings you peace. In Christ, you have the unconditional pardon of everything that you've ever done wrong. You are forgiven.

Prayer:

Lord Jesus, give me peace from the certain fact of your resurrection from the dead. Amen.

*Want more daily devotions?
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On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

John 20:19